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Yes, the article is about Dimock, PA.

It talks about the results for the first 30 homes. The article says that because the samples don't show contamination that indicates that "natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale has not caused dangerous levels of contamination."

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EPA tests show little contamination in Pa. wells

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Test results from 20 more water wells in Dimock, Pa., indicate that natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale has not caused dangerous levels of contamination, according to a report released last week by U.S. EPA.

EPA had already tested 11 wells in Dimock, the town at the heart of the debate over hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus region. Results from those tests showed the presence of sodium, methane, chromium or bacteria in six of the wells.

Three of the wells subjected to the latest round of testing contained methane, and one showed barium levels well above EPA's maximum thresholds. A treatment system installed in the latter well is removing the substance, an EPA spokesman said.

Houston-based drilling company Cabot Oil & Gas Corp., which some Dimock residents have accused of polluting groundwater, said the EPA test results show that the operations of it and other natural gas firms have not significantly harmed human health or the environment.

"Importantly, the EPA again did not indicate that those contaminants that were detected bore any relationship to oil and gas development in the Dimock area, particularly given the fact that any contaminants are more likely indicative of naturally occurring background levels or other unrelated activities," Cabot said in a statement Friday ([AP/San Francisco Chronicle](#), April 6). -- **PK**

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